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COMMENTS ON OCTOBER 18 MEETING IN COPENHAGEN

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1. WE SAW BUTLER (HEAD, FCO EUROPEAN INTEGRATION  
DEPARTMENT, EXTERNAL) OCTOBER 19 REGARDING THE  
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DECLARATION. BUTLER WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON OCTOBER 17 AND AT THE MEETING OF THE NINE WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION ON OCTOBER 18. HOWEVER, HE RETURNED TO LONDON ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 18 AND THUS WAS NOT PRESENT\*AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 19.

2. BUTLER COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE CORDIAL AND WORKMAN-LIKE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING.

3. BUTLER REGRETTE THAT T\*\*\*\*ERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN BRUSSELS HAD BEEN UNABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK ON PARAGRAPHS 17 AND 21 THROUGH 31 OF THE DRAFT. HE REQUESTED THAT HIS COMMENTS BE TREATED IN CONFIDENCE AND THEN SAID THAT HE PLACED ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INABILITY OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK ON THE FRENCH DELEGATION. HE ATTRIBUTED THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE FRENCH TO A DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE AND N\*\*ME\*\*C ,\*KOL"BEEN COOPERATIVE AND FORTHCOMING AT THE MEETING IN COPENHAGEN.

4. BUTLER ALSO COMMENTED THAT IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT THE FRENCH WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE WORD "PARTNERSHIP" IN THE DECLARATION BUT THAT HE DID NOT ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THIS REFUSAL TO ACCEPT CERTAIN WORDS THAT HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS "ATLANTIC JARGON" BECAUSE HE FELT THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FRENCH POSITION WAS BECOMING MORE COOPERATIVE.

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